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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 11, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Amendments

2. Amendments to claims 2, 9, 11, 15, 18, 26, 27, 31, and 35 have been entered in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 25, and 28 are canceled. Claims 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 24, 26, 27, 29-36 are now pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 24, 26, 27, 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the

inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Independent claims 2, 9, 11, 15, 18, 26, 27, 31, and 35 have been amended to recite that the plastics material member is stretched to increase its length **and width**. Claim 2 was also amended in a previous amendment, dated August 16, 2004, to recite that the member is a **"film web"** and is stretched **"biaxially"** at **"atmospheric temperature"** and is relaxed **"transverse to said longitudinal stretching direction"**. There is no support for such limitations in the original disclosure. The Examiner has carefully reviewed the original disclosure, i.e., the Specification and the original claims, and was unable to find any support for such an amendment. Furthermore, Applicants have failed to point to any specific support such amendments.

Applicants are required to cancel all new matter in response to this Office Action and are reminded that prior art rejection of record may be re-applied upon cancellation of the new matter.

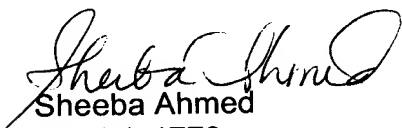
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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheeba Ahmed whose telephone number is (571)272-1504. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6am to 2pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on (571)272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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